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SUBJ: AUTOMOTIVE EMISSION CONTROLS

REF: A) TOKYO 15951, DEC 6, 1974, B) TOKYO 0575, C) DEPT A-2517,  
MAR 27, 1974

1. AN OFFICIAL OF ENVIRONMENT AGENCY INFORMED SCICOUNS ON JAN 20 THAT ENVIRONMENT AGENCY IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD PRROVIDE SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR FOREIGN CARS FROM INTERIM EMISSION CONTROL STANDARDS DESCRIBED IN REF A. THE OFFICIAL DECLINED TO DISCLOSE FORM WHICH THIS EXCEPTION MIGHT TAKE, BUT HE CONSIDERS IT LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE SOME RELIEF FOR FOREIGN VEHICLES. HE PROMISED FURTHER INFORMATION WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

2. COMMENT: AT THE TIME 1976 EMISSION STANDARDS WERE ESTABLISHED BY GOJ IN JANUARY 74, A PROVISION FOR ONE YEAR EXEMPTION FOR FOREIGN CARS WAS INCLUDED. IN ANNOUNCING THE LESS STRINGENT INTERIM STANDARDS NOW NEARING ADOPTION, NO MENTION WAS MADE OF A SIMILAR ONE YEAR'S DELAY FOR COMPLIANCE BY FOREIGN CARS, PERHAPS BECAUSE IT WAS ASSUMED THAT THE INTERIM STANDARDS COULD BE MET READILY EASILY BY US MANUFACTURERS WHO; AT THE TIME, WERE FACED WITH EVEN MORE STRINGENT STANDARDS FOR APPLICATION IN 1978. THE RECENT US DECISION (SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL) TO DELAY US STANDARDS FOR FIVE YEARS, PERHAPS COUPLED WITH REPRESENTATIONS BY US MANUFACTURERS; SUCH AS THOSE DESCRIBED IN  
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REF B, HAVE APPARENTLY CONVINCED THE GOJ THAT THEIR NEW STANDARDS

WILL BE PROHIBITIVE FOR US CARS. IF MEASURES ARE TAKEN TO PROVIDE  
RELIEF FOR FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS, AS FORECAST BY THIS OFFICIAL,  
IT WILL PRESUMABLY BE BECAUSE OF CONCERN THAT RETALIATORY STEPS  
WOULD OTHERWISE BE TAKEN AGAINST JAPANESE AUTO EXPORTS, RATHER  
THAN ANY PARTICULAR SYMPATHY FOR THE PLIGHT OF FOREIGN  
MANUFACTURERS.  
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